



British Lose 2 Battleships

Japanese Parachutists Seize Philippine Port of Vigan

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

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The Cynic Scoffs

But Later He Has to Fight

There is never a wholly satisfactory explanation as to how the nation happens to be plunged into war — whether this one or any of the others that have preceded it in American history. But some of the circumstances leading up to World War No. 2 make it a most unusual war, and offer proof that the world itself is at a very low ebb.

America Is in War All Way

President Says

Mr. Roosevelt Warns Nation of Long, Hard Struggle Against Axis

WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt warned the nation Tuesday night that it is in for a long, hard war, against "crafty and powerful bandits" with Germany and Italy as much the enemies of the United States as Japan.

He emphatically denied Japan's boast she had gained naval supremacy in the Pacific by her lightning stroke at Hawaii, and he declared confidently:

"We are going to win the war and we are going to win the peace that follows."

Making his first report to the nation on the past and future of the conflict that has suddenly engulfed the country, the president acknowledged Japan's initial successes have been extensive.

"Many American soldiers and sailors have been killed by enemy action," he said, adding that the damage done to Pearl Harbor was "admittedly serious." And, he said, the people must be prepared at any time for an announcement that Guam, Wake and Midway islands have been seized by the enemy.

But, on the other side of the war ledger he placed 18 months of preparation, assembly lines already producing a profusion of war materials, plans for doubling, and quadrupling that output. The latter included a seven-day week for the war industries, and the construction of new plants.

He balanced against the power and ruthlessness of the enemy, the determination of a united people, which, he said, will be satisfied with nothing short of complete victory.

Japan and Germany
He spoke from the heavily guarded White House, his first talk with the nation since the Japanese attack of Sunday, with the exception of his request to congress for a declaration of war.

Repeatedly, and with great emphasis, he spoke of Japan's relationship with Germany. The latter he accused of pushing Japan into the war.

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Bulletins

Pan-American Union
BUENOS AIRES—(P)—The pattern of Pan-American thoughts on Japanese aggression in the Pacific were solidified Wednesday with smaller nations generally declaring themselves in on the hostility and larger pledging to the U. S. short of war.

Reds Recapture Olets
MOSCOW—(P)—An official radio announcement declared Wednesday night that the Red army troops had recaptured Olets, routing two German infantry divisions and inflicting casualties of 12,000 Nazis killed and wounded.

Olets is due east of Orel on the front about 200 miles south of Moscow.

CHRISTMAS SEALS



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Buy now and put them on your holiday mail.

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Talbot Feild, Jr., County Chairman
Rev. J. E. Hamill, City Chairman.

Early Attempts to Land Were Said Repulsed

President Claims U. S. Sea Supremacy; 3 Jap Ships Said Sunk

MANILA —(P)— Japanese parachutists were reported Wednesday to have captured the northwest Luzon port of Vigan and sea-borne troops were landed near the north port of Aparri in the first full-fledged landing on American soil since the war of 1812.

An army communique said the Japanese fought their way ashore at Aparri under the protection of their warships amid bombings by American planes which sank one transport and damaged two of five others.

While the battle in the north still raged two waves of Japanese bombers raided Manila and its suburbs shortly after noon hitting hard at military centers including Nichols air depot, Fort William McKinley, and the Nielson airport districts.

The port of Iba and Clark fields were reported unofficially to have been bombed at the same time.

The Philippine constabulary reports the parachutists capture of Vigan only 200 miles northwest of Manila.

3 Jap Vessels
WASHINGTON (P)— The War Department's first official communique Wednesday announced the defeat of a Japanese invasion attempt on the west coast of Luzon Island as President Roosevelt claimed continued supremacy for the United States Navy in the Pacific.

Luzon is the principal island of the Philippines. Manila is located on it, about 400 miles from where the Japanese landings were attempted. Earlier from Manila an army communique reported that the Japanese were attacking in forces at Luzon, the north end between Vigan and Aparri.

The communique said that information was received from the command general of the Far East command revealing "the defeat of hostile attacks against the west coast of Luzon between San Fernando and Vigan."

"Our first bombing attack on six enemy transports at Vigan resulted in direct hits on three hostile ships and damage to those remaining, with one capsizing and sinking immediately," the communique said.

The President dismissed as "fantastic" the Japanese claims that they had taken naval supremacy in the Pacific through the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor last Sunday.

Big Tackle Reported
LONDON —(P)— The German radio said Wednesday that a battle between U. S. and Japanese fleets was now in progress in Manila but gave no indication of the source of information.

Possibly catching its own report on the rebound the station later quoted a Boston radio as saying "a great naval battle" is raging near Manila.

Denies U. S. Claims
TOKYO—(Official radio) picked up by the Associated Press—Official Japanese quarters in denying what they called U. S. claims of the sinking of one Japanese aircraft carrier off Hawaii suggested that the U. S. observers might have seen a U. S. vessel, believed to be the USS Intrepid (13,900-ton aircraft carrier) sink after being hit by Japanese bombs and mistaken it for a Japanese ship.

Happy Birthday!
WAUKEGAN, Ill. —(P)— Even the oysters cooperated at Mrs. E. A. Gross' birthday party. She bit into an oyster and found a pearl, well formed and slightly less than a quarter inch in diameter.

Strong Dutch Forces Sent to Aid British

Violent Battle Reported in North Malaya, One Airbase Said Lost

SINGAPORE —(P)— The Netherlands East Indies threw strong reinforcements of warships and warplanes into the battle of southeastern Asia Wednesday, as British land and air forces slowed down a Japanese assault on northern Malaya.

Dutch bombers and fighters flew in Tuesday and already have joined British, Australian and New Zealand units which have been pounding Japanese transports and bases in southern Thailand since dawn Monday.

The Dutch fliers also have been fighting alongside British Empire's air forces to contest Japan's admittedly efforts to win quick mastery of the air.

Dutch warships are with the British eastern fleet in the China Seas. British land and air forces were reported in action Wednesday trying to check Japan's latest and nearest threat to Singapore at Kuantan, on the Malayan east coast, 200 miles north of this vital fortress.

Jap Drive Balked
SINGAPORE —(P)— The British apparently have lost Kota Bharu, the north Malayan airbase where the Japanese have landed strong forces just inside the Thailand frontier. But the communique indicated Wednesday night that they have balked Japanese drives both in that area and at Kuantan, only 200 miles north of here.

U. S. Newsmen Are Dismissed

Expelled From Berlin Conference Wednesday

BERLIN —(P)— U. S. newspaper correspondents were dismissed from the daily press conference Wednesday and instructed to go to their homes — not their offices — on the grounds that Axis newspapermen were arrested in the U. S. in violation of the international practices.

Instead of going to the conference table the Wilhelmstrasse stood at the entrance and announced: "Contrary to international practice the German correspondents were arrested in the U. S. I must now ask American correspondents to leave this room and proceed to their homes."

Then as they left the room he silently shook their hands.

Early-Pan-American Conference Proposed
WASHINGTON —(P)— Secretary of State Hull Wednesday proposed conference of American foreign ministers to be held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in the first week of January.

Hull's call for a conference to discuss the new war menace which confronts the western Hemisphere was disclosed in a statement issued by the State Department.

Roads of India
India has only 200,000 miles of roads although it is one-third as large as the United States, which has 3,000,000 miles of roads.

Before 1853, Tasmania known as Van Diemen's Land. Then its name was changed to honor its discoverer, Abel Jans Tasman.

Cranium Crackers
Corporal Quiz

Two-striper is the name they give a corporal in our Army. You should know why, and also the answers to most of the following questions about corporals.

1. Is a corporal a commissioned or non-commissioned officer? What army ranks are immediately above and below his?

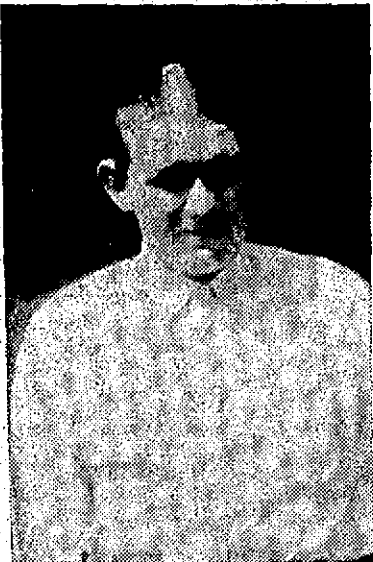
2. What dictator of today was a corporal in World War I?

3. What U. S. Army corporal recently married a well-known screen-society girl?

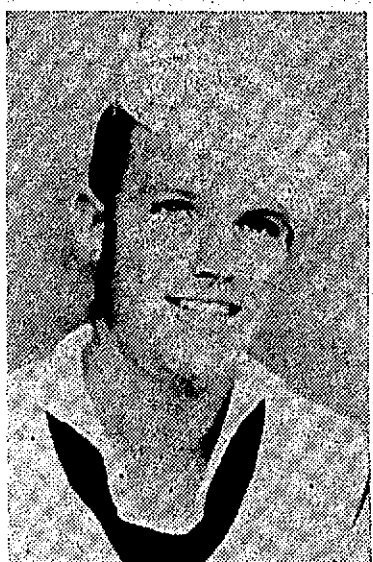
4. Who was Corporal Violet?

5. What is corporal punishment? Answers on Comic Page

Some of the Many Local Boys Who Are Now Serving With United States Navy



Otto Mike Schnelker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. A. Schnelker, enlisted in Navy and is now training at San Diego for six weeks.



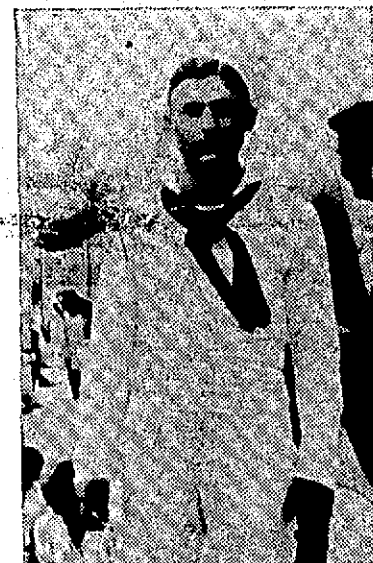
Howard Jeanes, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Jeanes, Washington, enlisted in Navy and is now aboard U.S.S. Canopus, stationed at Manila, Philippines.



Joe Bob Stewart, son of Mrs. M. D. Downs, Hope, enlisted in U. S. Coast Guard in November, 1941; now mess sergeant aboard cutter Spruce, Station Island, N. Y.



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Harold E. Poole, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Poole, Hope Route 3, enlisted April 19, 1940; now petty officer, 3rd class, U.S.S. Whitney, Pearl Harbor.

Here is another group of photos furnished The Star by parents of local Navy boys, publication of the rest to follow periodically.

The pictures are being published in the interest of the vast Navy Recruiting Campaign now under way.

Interested local boys may obtain full information at The Star office, or may obtain this by mail, simply filling out the coupon below and mailing it to the newspaper:

Tear out and take or send this coupon to the Navy Editor of this newspaper

Without any obligation on my part whatsoever, please send me free booklet, "Life in the Navy," giving full details about the opportunities for men in the Navy or Naval Reserve.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____

Presbyterians Plan Supper

Turkey Dinner to Be Served on Thursday Night

The monthly supper meeting of the men of the First Presbyterian church will be held in the Educational building at 7:30 Thursday night.

A turkey dinner will be served and a movie of Montreat, N. C., one of the Presbyterian summer conference headquarters, will be shown by the regional director of religious education, the Rev. Gus Craven of Springfield, Mo.

Men of the church are urged to attend. Visiting Presbyterians are also welcome.

Playgrounds in Four Wards

Recreational Council Plans Project Through WPA

The Rev. J. E. Hamill, president of the Hope Recreational Council, announced Wednesday that the state WPA had granted to Hope five recreational supervisors and that the proposed playgrounds in each ward would get underway immediately.

A meeting of the Recreational Council has been called for Thursday morning at the City Hall, beginning at 10:30 at which meeting Dr. Borders of the Little Rock office, and the new Hope supervisor will be present. The Rev. Hamill urged all members to attend, and assist in lining out the program to be set up at once.

Both whales and opossums are mammals, but a baby whale outweighs a baby opossum of the same age about 45,444,000 times.

K'ung Su-Tze is the name of the ancient Chinese sage, whose name has been Latinized to Confucius.

Repulse, Prince of Wales Sunk by Jap Bombs

Considered Worst Blow to British Navy in History of Whole War

LONDON —(P)— Britain lost two of her mightiest capital ships Wednesday—the powerful new 35,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales and the 32,000-ton Cruiser Repulse—both sunk by the Japanese off Malaya in the most disastrous single blow to the British navy in the whole war.

Their loss was announced by the admiralty without word of how they were sent to the bottom of the Pacific or of the fate of their crews, together more than 3,000 men.

A Japanese communique said they were destroyed by air attacks.

This, if confirmed, would be the first known sinking of any warships of the size of either the Prince of Wales or the Repulse by aerial bombardment.

The Prince of Wales was only recently dispatched to the Pacific and was the flag ship of the fleet. Britain had massed and organized to defend the Empire in the Far East.

Prime Minister Churchill shocked the House of Commons Wednesday with his solemn announcement that the ships had been sunk.

Japs Jubilant
TOKYO —(P)— Official radio, heard by the Associated Press—Loud speakers shouted Japan's most tremendous news of war successes so far—the sinking of two of Britain's mightiest capital ships and the landing of Japanese forces in the Philippine Islands—Wednesday to jubilant throngs of war-stirred Japanese.

Announcing that Britain's new 35,000-ton battleship the Prince of Wales and the 32,000-ton cruiser Repulse had gone down in the Pacific off Malaya under the burst of Japanese air bombs the imperial headquarters declared the British Far Eastern fleet had been obliterated.

Japan already had claimed naval supremacy of the Pacific after Sunday's air smash against the U. S. fleet at Hawaii.

DNB Quotes Japanese
BERLIN —(P)— DNB quoted a Japanese naval authority Wednesday as announcing they had reason to believe that the 35,000-ton British battleship King George V was also sunk with the Prince of Wales and the Repulse in air attacks on Britain's Far Eastern fleet.

(There was no explanation offered for this reported belief that there was no confirmation from any other quarter that the new British battleship, the sister ship to the Prince of Wales, had been hit or even involved in the air-sea battle.)

Nazis Admit Tikhvin May Be Recaptured
BERLIN —(P)— The German military spokesman acknowledged Wednesday that it was possible that Russian troops had recaptured Tikhvin railway center 110 miles east of Leningrad "because the Germans have withdrawn to better defense positions for the winter."

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Do Your Xmas Shopping Early

Spending Spree, Shortage Expected in U. S. Supply

By ADELAIDE KERR
Feature Service Writer
NEW YORK.—Better whip your Christmas list into shape and put your shopping shoes earlier than this year.

The boys who check up on Big Business predict the greatest Christmas spending spree we have ever known. And before Santa starts out with his list of things to buy, they say, we may have a shortage of some of the things we want most.

According to merchandise experts in New York's Christmas gift mart, buyers in big department stores have laid in a good supply for an average Christmas, and there will be plenty of most things for early shoppers. But defense job money and a feeling of "let's make the most of this—Christmas for nobody knows—what may come" are expected to send a huge flock of spenders into the gift market to buy the stock on hand. When that is gone, some of it can't be replaced, the experts say, because of defense manufacturing demands.

To find out what gifts may be scarce before Christmas, I talked with the buying staff of McGraw-Hill, Wertheim and Howell, New York resident buyers, who purchased for department stores and shops from coast to coast. I also talked to other buyers and merchandise experts. And this is what they told me:

You'd better step fast if you're bent on buying your favorite lady glamour the most expensive kind. Imported French perfumes and silk lingerie trimmed with imported lace are not plentiful. But nobody expects to worry about domestic perfumes or lower-priced rayon lingerie. The more costly costume jewel baubles (\$10 up) are a bit short, too, because skilled technicians are now in defense work and stones are harder to get. But there are plenty of plenty of less expensive costume jewels.

If you have fine handkerchiefs on your mind, don't waste much time. A large part of the supply, especially the embroidered ones, came from China, and the supply is not increasing. Fairly large stocks are still on hand. Cotton goods are scarce because of Uncle Sam's purchases, so if you have set your heart on remembering the bride with bath towels or sheets, hurry along.

You should also shop early for gifts containing metal because of the government restrictions on basic supplies. Refrigerators and ranges are already restricted and such things as waffle irons, sandwich grills, pressing irons and chafing dishes may be hard to get later. There is a definite shortage of silverware. Cheap umbrellas are virtually out of the picture, though those from \$3 up are still in.

Don't dawdle about Johnny's metal toys. Toy buyers are generally well covered at present, but the supply of trains, toy automobiles, soldiers and such may run down before it is time to trim the tree.

Don't delay your shopping for plastic cigarette boxes, ash trays and other plastic gadgets. Don't shop late for furniture either. Many stores refuse orders for delivery under three or four weeks. Gifts we used to get from Europe, such as tooled leather boxes, are hard to obtain.

If you want to give shirts to the man in your life, you may find you have a problem already. White poplin ones are said to be especially hard to get. Pajamas, mufflers and ties and silk are other gifts to buy early—if you can.

After you have bought all your gifts, don't relax until you have boxed them, too. Reports in the market say there is a threatened shortage of pasteboard gift boxes.

There is one bit of solace. The merchandise men say that, though there

U. S., German Arms in Brazil

Krupp Tanks, Anti-Aircraft Are Part of Defense

By FRED S. FERGUSON
President of NEA Service
RIT DE JANEIRO, Brazil.—At this center of international trade, a lot of funny things can and do happen. For instance, in this day can you imagine German anti-aircraft tanks rolling along through the streets in the same parade?

And the War Office exploding with anger at the Germans one day and the British the next, and then all hands joining in a round and round of denunciation of the United States because of tardy delivery of supplies. And then German anti-aircraft guns being delivered to a Brazilian port by war on the part of Germany, or English or Swiss, with three guesses allowed as to what nationality it was.

Without going into too many details of a story that dates back before the start of the present war, the tale of the tanks and the anti-aircraft guns is substantially as follows:

Brazil placed an order for \$500,000 worth of military equipment with Germany just before the start of the war, and sent over a "mission" to receive it. In spite of the war, the Germans proceeded to turn this equipment out from the Krupp works. But the British blockade wouldn't permit the Brazilians to get the material. This made the Brazilians very peevish at the British.

Named Ship of Unnamed Nation
Eventually a Brazilian boat picked up some of the equipment at Lisbon in January. It was the good ship Siquiera Campos. The British stopped her on the high seas and took her to Gibraltar. They claimed to have found a lot of stuff aboard that wasn't supposed to be there.

A young Brazilian hot-head officer leaped to the defense of his country, and was picked in the arm by a shot from a Britisher. Brazilian Minister of War Gen. Eurico Dutra, an old army top-sergeant, was all for declaring war on England. That didn't happen, but Brazil was still without its contracted for and needed equipment.

So, the Brazilians turned to their good neighbor, the United States, and said, "How about some equipment to take the place of the stuff the British won't let us get?" The United States didn't have any. Eventually, however, a "broken" delivery of ten light tanks was made to Brazil around the first of September.

The Brazilians were so delighted they hurried up and learned how to operate them and the ten American-made tanks rumbled through the streets of Rio in this country's national holiday parade of September 7 along with German-made tanks which had been delivered to Brazil before the war.

The German Embassy was right on the job in calling up the Brazilian War Office, and pointing out how inferior the American tanks were when compared with the German.

Brigadier General "Duke" Miller, in charge of the American military mission, however, was just as much on the job with an answer. He dispatched some young Brazilian officers who had been trained in the United States with American tanks, to the War Office, and they quickly made it clear that the German military attaché was just an old world-war tank man and didn't know what he was talking about.

Then, there was the question of those German anti-aircraft guns resting at Lisbon. So a Brazilian ship apparently picked them up and deposited them at an unnamed North Atlantic port, and there they were picked up by an unnamed ship of an unnamed nation, and now they are in Brazil.

The economic battle also has its strange twists. Some concerns on the blacklist seek to meet the changed conditions by reorganization. There have been legitimate sales of German-controlled outfits to Brazilians, to Americans. Others have attempted reorganizations by elimination of certain directors. If the elimination of the German control is real, the reorganization is accepted. Unless the reorganization is proven actual, however, the scheme does not work.

Then there is the surprise of some Americans when they run into the comparatively small productive capacity of Brazil. The low-level of production prevails at both ends of the Hemisphere line.

One American was all priced to place a container for a certain type of fibre containers. Considering the extent of his American market, he was astounded when he was told that the present capacity of the country was only two million units a year.

Strange Twists on Economic Front
There is little indication, as yet, of any American influence upon men's clothes or women's fashions in Brazil. Helen Rubinstein and Elizabeth Arden are big shots on cosmetics, but the Brazilians make their own clothes and shoes. There have been an American fashion show, done by alluring models, and a British fashion show.

Neither left any lasting imprint. As some Brazilians view the shows, they thought the American exhibit emphasized the models, which they couldn't buy, and the British emphasized the English-made fabrics which they knew about anyhow.

American cars, of course, are everywhere. You can get run over by any model you like of General Motors, Chrysler or Ford within any city block. Some time back there were quite a number of flea-sized low-priced German cars buzzing around, but they have worn out. That point, too, is one of the bright spots in the air line situation. The Cordor planes still in operation are getting no younger very fast. Without replacement, which hardly seems probable at the moment, the line can't last forever.

In the night-clubs, which are open in a scarcity of nylon hose, Madame can have her silk stockings again this Christmas.

Edson in Washington

U. S. Pays Itself Duty on Its Own Defense Imports

WASHINGTON.—Oddity upon oddities—thanks to cock-eyed lawmaking by congress, the Navy Department can import almost anything it dam plenses without paying import duties thereon, but the War Department, and the Metals Reserve Company and Defense Supplies Corporation have to pay on the nail.

In the last war the War Department was given the privilege of importing things duty-free that it needed for war purposes, but the privilege

expired with the end of the conflict. The Navy Department was given the same privileges, but no time limit was written into the law. Hence the privilege still holds good. It was only recently that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation set up the Metals Reserve Company to purchase and create a stockpile of metals needed for national defense and the Defense Supplies Corporation to do a similar job for drugs of various kinds, cork, jute, etc.

Relief Is Sought
Two attempts have been made to relieve these various agencies of the tariff tax burden. The first came in September when the RFC asked congress for permission to issue notes that would increase its funds by \$1,000,000,000. The bill also proposed that its subsidiary companies should be able to import defense materials without paying duty thereon. It was

claimed this would cut the cost of the national defense program by the amount of tariff duty that would be eliminated.

Jesse Jones, head of the RFC, put in a statement showing that the Metals Reserve Company had made commitments totaling \$380,040,000 to imports of bauxite, antimony, asbestos, cadmium, chrome, copper, graphite, iridium, lead, manganese ore, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, tin, tungsten and zinc.

Of these asbestos, chrome, nickel, tin and a few others come in free under the various tariff laws. But metal antimony is taxed 2 cents per pound; bauxite, from which aluminum is obtained, \$1 per ton; cadmium, 15 cents per pound; copper, 4 cents per pound; lead, 1 1/2 cents per pound; manganese ore, 1 cent per pound; tungsten ore, 50 cents per pound; mercury, 25 cents per pound, and zinc ore, 1 1/2 cents per pound.

Jones also testified that the Defense Supplies Corporation had commitments for \$67,790,500 for imports of various defense articles. Some of these like cork, Manila fiber, kapok and quinine come in free of duty under the tariff laws. But jute pays 1 cent per pound, plus 10 per cent ad valorem.

Jones stated that up to date the two

companies had not paid any tariff duty on any of their imports. He said the companies imported them for the Navy and under the present statutory authority of the Navy. Asked whether all this stuff was being used for the Navy, he replied it was all being used in the defense program. Senator Adams asked whether this procedure was not an evasion of the law, as all was not used for the Navy itself. Jones replied:

"Not necessarily. We may have to pay the import duty, but if we are allowed to bring these articles in under this statute, a considerable saving will result to the government. There is no evasion of the law. If we pay the duty, it will go into the treasury in one pocket and come out in the other. This is essentially a matter of bookkeeping."

Army men made their desire for tariff duty exemption clearer by this explanation: If congress appropriates \$1,000,000 for the Army for certain defense instruments, duties on materials imported may absorb as much as \$170,000. The result is the Army gets only \$830,000 worth of these defense instruments, while the U. S. Treasury gets the other \$170,000. In money the government loses nothing. But the

Army loses in the amount of defense instruments it obtains. However, congress killed the section of the bill that would have given the RFC the right to import defense materials free of duty.

Navy's Position Unique
In the meantime, Congressman Robert Doughton, chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, introduced a bill aimed at helping the Army and the other defense agencies. It provided that no tax or duty should be levied on any imported article certified by a government department or agency to be a defense article. It included in this category weapons, munitions, aircraft, ships, machinery for making war materials, any strategic or critical materials used in the defense program and "any other commodity or article for defense."

The U. S. Tariff Commission immediately objected to this last clause as opening the way for import of all kinds of things, utterly knocking down the tariff walls. Some congressmen also took exception to this as being

too broad. Up to date Doughton has not even called up his bill for a committee hearing. It is the only bill that can import stuff duty-free.

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WHITE PETROLEUM JELLY

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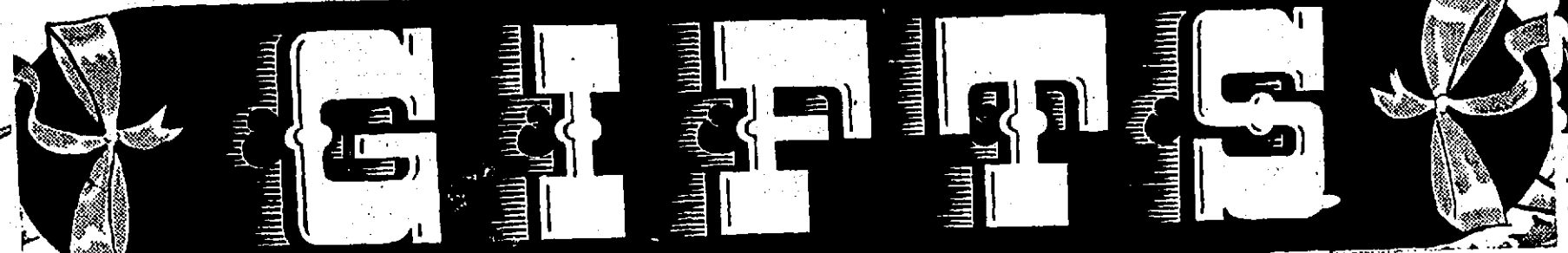
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Santa Says Its
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For ...



Solutions to your gift problems... each and every one of them. All kinds of GIFTS that ring the bell for value and quality. When we made every purchase we had you in mind. Come, view this grand collection of wonderful Christmas Gifts for all the family, your friends and your home at TALBOT'S. Prompt service and advice is assured.

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For HER...
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STORIES IN STAMPS



Five Nations Exploit Liberian Resources

LIBERIA, a colony founded in 1821 for the settlement of former American Negro slaves, is now independent but its trade and government remain under close scrutiny by British, French, German, American and Dutch governments.

The stamp above, issued in 1940 in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the commonwealth, bears the likeness of Thomas Buchanan and a picture of his residence at Bassa Cove. Liberia proclaimed independence in 1847.

Buchanan, cousin of James Buchanan, 15th president of the United States, went to Liberia as governor in 1838 to help organize the young state. Buchanan was the last white governor.

The French interest dates to 1910 when an agreement was signed which transferred to France some 2000 square miles of inland territory which Liberia claimed but could not control.

The American State Department obtained 1,000,000 acres for rubber plantation development in exchange for development of a harbor, railroads and highways.

Bulk of the trade with Liberia is in the hands of the British and Germans with the Dutch close followers. The Spaniards are in control of rich plantations at Fernan-Go Po.

Is a scarcity of nylon hose, Madame can have her silk stockings again this Christmas.

SOCIETY

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Social Calendar

Wednesday, December 10th
Wednesday Contract bridge club, home of Mrs. E. O. Wingfield, 2:30 o'clock.

For the December luncheon

RIALTO

Double Feature
NOW AND THURSDAY

Bette Davis George Brent

"The Letter"

— ALSO —

"Wagons Roll at Night"

— with —
Humphrey Bogart Sylvia Sydney

meeting the members of the John Cain chapter of the D. A. R. will meet at the First Christian church. Mrs. R. M. Briant, Mrs. O. A. Graves, Mrs. R. L. Searcy, and Mrs. Ralph Burton will be hostesses, 12:45.

The annual Christmas party for the members of the Mary Lester class of the First Methodist Sunday School will be given at the home of Mrs. C. D. Lester, North Louisiana and Ave. D., at 7:30 o'clock.

Thursday, December 11th
Girl Scout Troop No. 7 will be entertained by the new captain, Mrs. Kline Franks at her home at 3:30. This will be the Christmas party for the members.

Azalea Garden club, home of Mrs. Lamarr Cox with Mrs. Nallen Wylie co-hostess, 9:30 a. m.

The Junior-Senior High school P. T. A. will meet at the High school at 3:30 o'clock. A Christmas devotional will be given by Mrs. Gus Haynes, and Mrs. Jim Henry will read the national president's message. Three members of Bill Brasher's Safety club, Alice Lorraine Hord, Harlan Spore, and Matilda McFadden, will discuss phases of "Safety First."

Friday, December 12th
Members of the Friday Music

LADY BY REQUEST

By HELEN R. WOODWARD

THE STORY: The climax of many incidents at Diana Curt's home, when the victim, Diana, comes to her senses, and, after a long and painful struggle, she is able to escape the clutches of her captors. The story is a thrilling and suspenseful one, and is well worth a read. Diana Curt is a beautiful and intelligent young woman who has been kidnapped by a group of men. She is held in a remote and isolated place, and she must find a way to escape. The story is told in a series of chapters, each of which builds upon the last, and the reader is kept in suspense until the very end.

"I WON'T BELIEVE IT!"
CHAPTER XX

ON the fourth day after the disappearance of Stephen's plane the broadcaster said, "Bits of floating debris picked up 20 miles west of Cristobal indicate that the lost plane of the Pan-American Airways cracked up somewhere in the vicinity. Hope has been abandoned that Pilot Smith might have found his way down to some secluded cove to await better weather."

Diana stood up, her face as white as death, her whole body trembling. "Excuse me," she choked, and left the room. She never knew how she got into her wraps, but suddenly she found herself walking through the night, utterly without destination or plan. The pounding of her heart was echoed in the pounding of her footsteps. "It isn't true, it isn't true!" The words beat themselves into her brain, until they became the refrain of her breathing. Stephen couldn't be dead! There was too much unsaid between them. Unfinished, incomplete. "It isn't true. I know it isn't true!"

Weariness claimed her at last and she looked up to find herself in the vicinity of old Ellen Curt's apartment. After a moment's hesitation, she went up and entered without knocking. She found old Ellen crouched by the radio, tears streaming down her cheeks. She looked up as Diana entered and the anguish in her eyes was pitiful to behold.

"Don't!" cried Diana harshly.

club will meet at the home of the president, Mrs. Hendrix Spraggins, 3:30 o'clock. Preceding the reg-

"It isn't true. Don't you know it can't be true?"
And she flung herself to the floor and buried her head in the old woman's lap.

The president of the airways company called to see Diana, offering sympathy and regrets. The President of the United States sent a message of condolence. The house was overrun with reporters, syndicate representatives, and radio officials. Diana sent in the last column Stephen had written and the papers made much of it, edging the words in black. The whole country seemed to regret the passing of a great and brilliant man.

But Diana, alone in her room, told herself again and again that Stephen could not be dead.

"He can't be gone!" Through all the hard, unhappy days, Diana kept that assurance in her heart, until at last she came to believe that no matter what anyone else said, Stephen Curt would never be dead to her.

PHIL was priceless help during these days—interviewing people, keeping the curious away from Diana and Diana, attending to countless troublesome details for them, all the while his eyes shadowed with genuine sadness.

Adela kept to her room in the company of Aunt Christie, for which Diana was devoutly thankful. She felt that later she might be more able to cope with Adela. Her father had come to Diana as soon as he got the news. They sat for a long time talking about Stephen Curt.

"I guess you've often wondered why I changed my mind so suddenly about your marriage that day," Mr. Tucker said. "But after I talked to Stephen, I knew everything would be all right. I knew it from something he said."

"What? Oh, tell me!"
"He said, 'Maybe it won't be a make-believe marriage after all, Mr. Tucker. I'll try my best to make it real.' And so I always hoped—"

One morning Larkin summoned Diana to the library where a visitor awaited her.

"I am John Dewlaney from the insurance company," said the tall man who rose at her entrance. "I have come to make arrangements for paying over your late husband's insurance."

Diana was startled. It was the first time the thought of insurance had entered her head.

"Who—to whom is it made out?" she questioned, this aspect of the matter bringing to her mind

more clearly than anything else had done the fact that Stephen was really, in the eyes of the world, dead. Insurance companies did not pay unless they were sure—had proof. Her heart grew cold within her breast.

"You are the beneficiary, Mrs. Curt, of this particular policy," John Dewlaney said. "The sum is \$100,000!"

Diana stared. "But there must be some mistake! Stephen's sister—"

"The sister has been amply provided for," the man answered. "This policy is made to you—that's all I know about it. If you will just sign a few papers—"

"No!"
The word hung in the still room like an explosion. If she took the money, Diana felt she would be admitting to the world—to herself—that Stephen was dead. And he wasn't! Over and over she told herself that!

JOHN DEWLANEY stared at Diana. "I beg your pardon, Mrs. Curt. I don't understand."

Stephen had wanted her to have the money, had taken time, that last busy day, to think of her future.

She smiled rather wanly at Mr. Dewlaney. "I hope you won't think me queer, but I'd like your company to just—just keep that money for me for a while. Could you?"

Dewlaney was bewildered. "Why—I suppose it can be arranged—held in trust. But it's a bit unusual."

"Thank you!" Diana wanted him to leave at once, so that she could go back to her room to think over this new evidence of Stephen's regard for her. He did, finally, after much conversation and Diana started for the stairway. But Larkin interrupted her again. She was wanted on the telephone—long distance, it was.

It was her mother, urging Diana to come home to the farm, at least for a few days. Diana assured her that she was quite well and definitely needed where she was.

She turned from the phone to find Phil Bruce standing beside her. He noted her white face, the dark circles under her eyes.

"You look downright puny!" he said bluntly. "Need fresh air. Come for a drive with me."

She smiled, shook her head. "Thanks, but I'd rather not."

"Look here—Steve wouldn't want you to make yourself ill worrying over his affairs."

She thought that over. "No, I don't suppose he would."

(To Be Continued)

Women's Society of Christian Service Monday afternoon, when the group met at the church at 3 o'clock.

The Reverend Kenneth L. Spore presided at the impressive ritual inducting the following new officers of the society: president, Mrs. H. O. Kyler; vice-president, Mrs. B. W. Edwards; secretary, Mrs. T. S. McDavitt; local treasurer, Miss Mamie Briant; Conference treasurer, Mrs. T. R. Billingsley.

Quarterly reports were made by each circle with Circle No. 2 having the best report for the last quarter. The new auxiliary leaders were announced as follows: Mrs. R. D. Franklin, Mrs. Edwin Ward, Mrs. John Arnold, Mrs. Henry Hitt, Mrs. C. V. Nunn, Mrs. E. P. Young, Mrs. Slith Davenport, and Miss Mamie Briant. Mrs. W. W. Johnson closed the meeting with a prayer.

Fleming-Onstead Nuptials Read
Mrs. Charles Frederick Onstead of

Hope announces the marriage of her elder daughter, Miss Janie Lenora Onstead of Little Rock, to George Seymour Beckwith Fleming of Benton, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Fleming of Cold Spring-on-Hudson, N. Y.

The ceremony took place at 8 last night at the First Methodist church with the Rev. Warren Johnston, pastor, officiating. John Summers, organist, was in charge of the nuptial music. He played "Liebestraum," "To A Wild Rose," "Traumeri," and "O Promise Me." White chrysanthemums and lighted white tapers decorated the altar.

The bride wore an afternoon suit of midnight blue chiffon velvet, the jacket buttoned with amethyst jewels. Her blue velvet hat matched her suit. Amethyst colored gloves and an amethyst orchid completed her costume.

Mrs. P. D. Burton Jr. of Lewisville was the bride's only attendant. Mrs. Burton was gowned in black chiffon velvet made with white lace yoke embroidered in seed pearls. Her flowers were gardenias. Mrs. Onstead, the bride's mother, wore a black wool costume suit, trimmed with Persian lamb.

Frank Duff of Little Rock and Chattanooga, Tenn., served as best man. The bride couple received informally in the church vestibule following the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming will make their home in Benton, where Mr. Fleming is chief chemist with the American Cyanamid and Chemical Corporation.

The bride is a graduate of Hope High School and for the past several years she has been connected with the offices of the American Cyanamid and Chemical Corporation in Little Rock.

Mr. Fleming is a graduate of Haldane School, Cold Spring-on-Hudson. Mr. Fleming made his home in Chattanooga for several years before being transferred to the Benton office of the American Cyanamid and Chemical Corporation.

During the second quarter of 1940, 1,389,641 pounds of soybean oil were imported by the United States.

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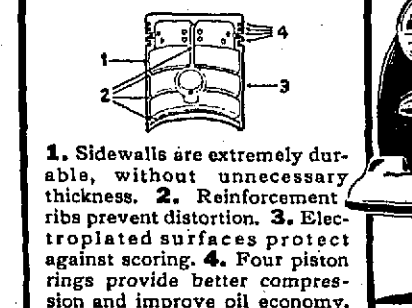
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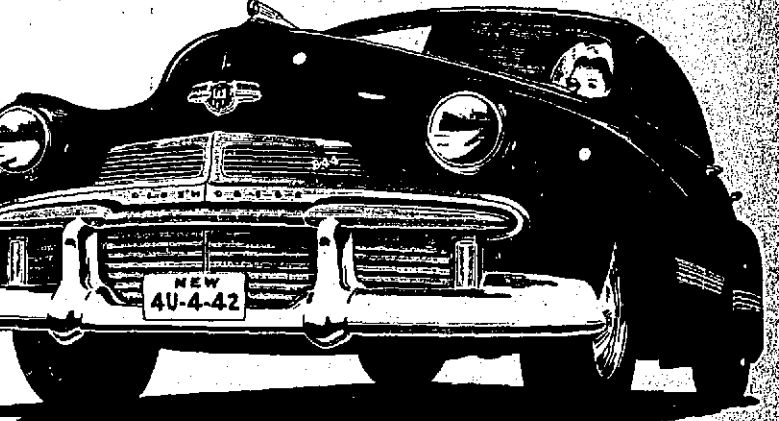
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ular meeting choral club practice will be held at the Spraggins home at 2:30.

Three Guests at Tuesday Contract Party

Mrs. Syd McMath was hostess to the members of the Tuesday Contract Bridge club at her home Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Spirited games were played in the entertaining rooms, which were gaily decorated for the Christmas motif. For making the high score Mrs. R. L. Broach and Mrs. Robinson Evans, Jr., received beautiful gifts.

Preceding the games the hostess served a delightful desert course with coffee to the club members and guests, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Jack Lowe, and Mrs. Joe Black.

A Jolly Santa Distributes Gifts at Iris Club Party

The home of Mrs. C. P. Tolleson, South Main street, was the scene of the Christmas party for the members of the Iris Club Tuesday afternoon. Co-hostesses were Mrs. C. Cook, Mrs. George Waddie, Mrs. Charles Harrell, and Mrs. D. L. Bush. Mrs. Bill Smith, who was in charge of the program, presented Mrs. J. E. Hamill, who rendered several Christmas numbers on the accordion, Mrs. Fred White, and Mrs. C. M. Agee.

A jovial Santa Clause distributed gifts from the brilliantly lighted Christmas tree to 18 members and two guests, Mrs. Hamill, and Mrs. J. C. Carlton.

Mrs. Leroy Spates, Mrs. Herbert Burns, Mrs. Minor Gordon, and Mrs. Aubrey Albrighton were welcomed into the club as new members.

A salad course further carrying out the holiday theme was served during the afternoon.

Winsonne Class Party Holds Interest Tuesday Evening

Mrs. L. F. Higginson's Sunday school class of the First Baptist church was entertained Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. C. D. Dickinson, 1111 South Main street, with Mrs. Aubrey Green and Mrs. Barney Chambers, hostesses.

The president of the class, Mrs. R. E. Cooper, presided at the meeting. Games and contests were enjoyed.

Gifts for the poor children of the city were given to a jolly Santa Clause.

Delicious refreshments were served during the entertainment. The meeting adjourned to meet in January at the home of the teacher, Mrs. L. F. Higginson.

Two Hostesses For Gardena Garden Club Meeting

Fifteen members and 2 visitors were present for the December meeting of the Gardena Garden club at the home of Mrs. L. W. Young Tuesday afternoon. She was assisted by Miss Mamie Briant.

A glittering Christmas tree containing numerous gifts for the poor was the central decoration. Other festive greenery was noted at vantage points.

For the program, Mrs. Hugh Jones told a Christmas story.

Following the program the hostesses served a delectable fruit salad with tea to the members and guests, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Slith Davenport.

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Answer to Cranium Crackers

Questions on Page One
1. Corporal is a non-commissioned officer. Immediately above him is sergeant; below him, first class private. Corporal's chevrons have two stripes.
2. Adolf Hitler was promoted

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to corporal while in the German army in World War I.
3. Corporal Palmer Beaudette married Cobina Wright, Jr.
4. Corporal Violet was Napoleon, also known as the Little Corporal. Friends in France gave him the former name during his exile in Russia when they hoped he would return with the violets in the spring.

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Jack Howard Plaintiff
vs.
Ollie Marie Howard Defendant

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(SEAL) J. P. BYERS, Clerk
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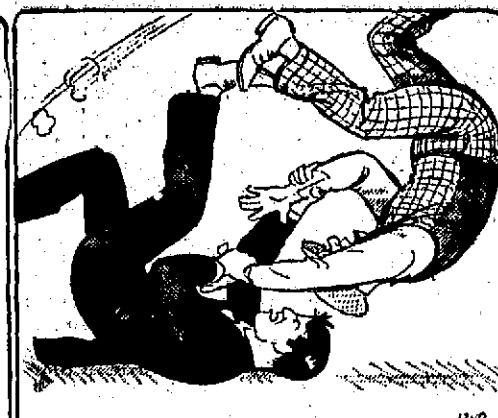
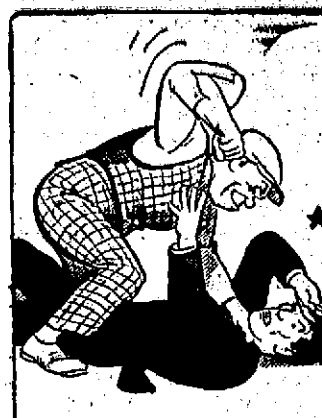
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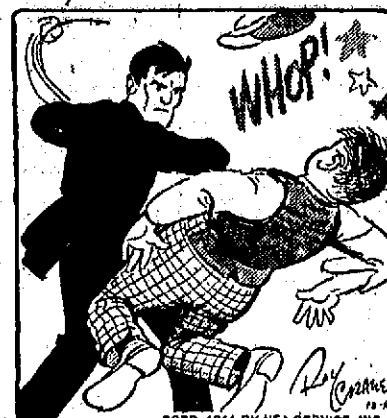
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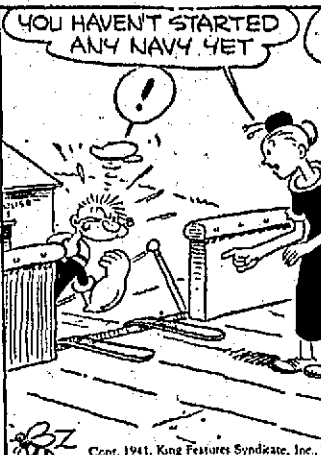
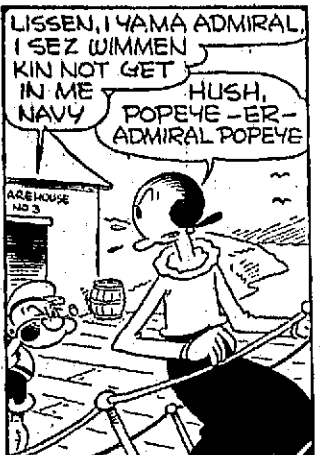


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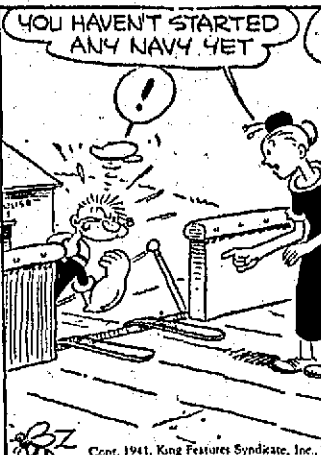


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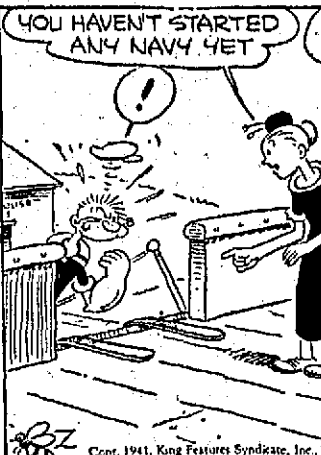
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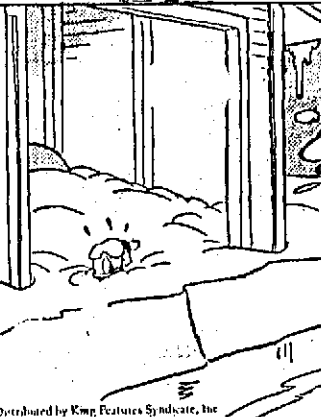
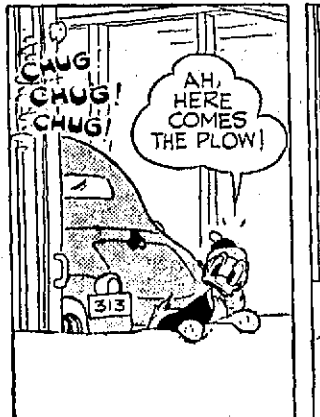
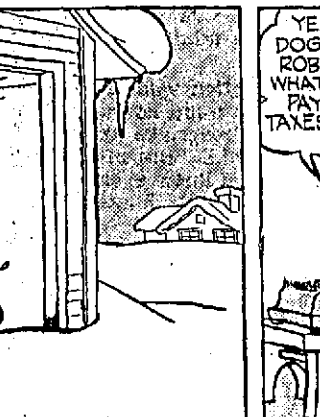
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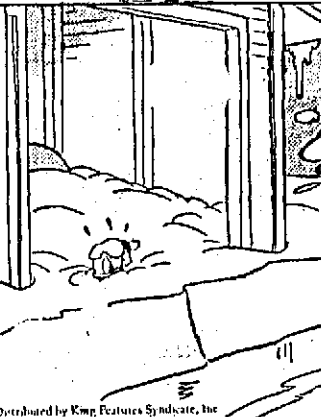
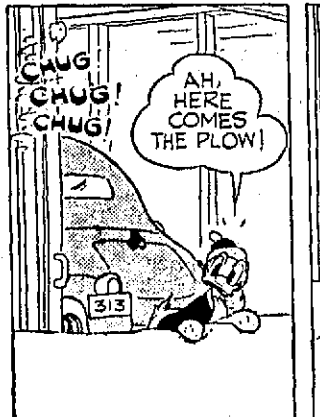
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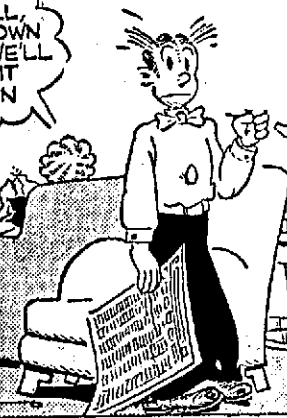


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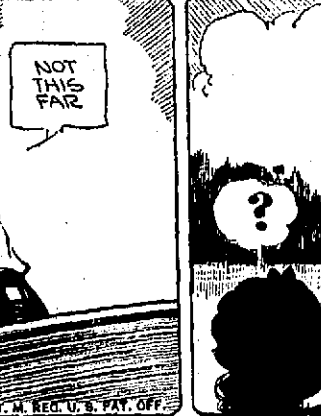
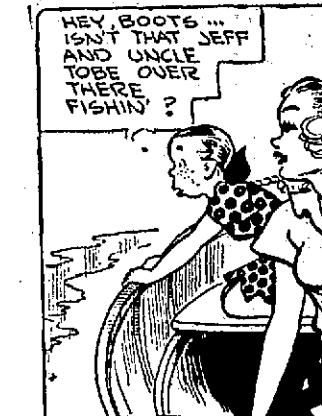


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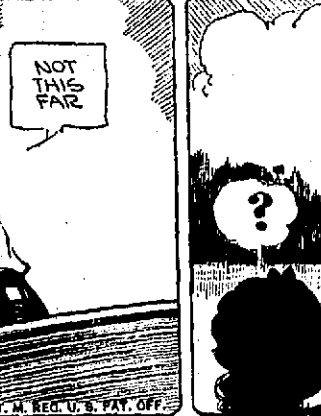


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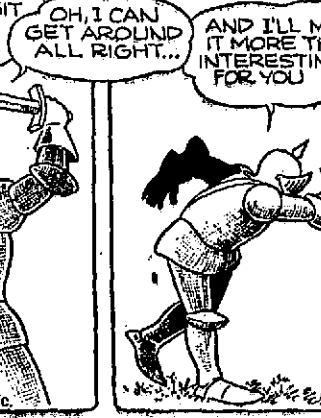
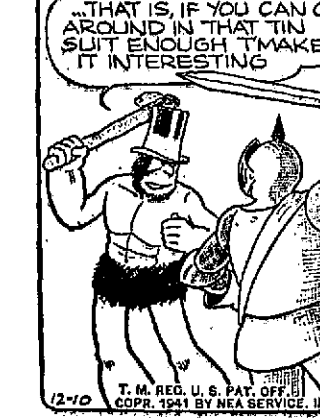
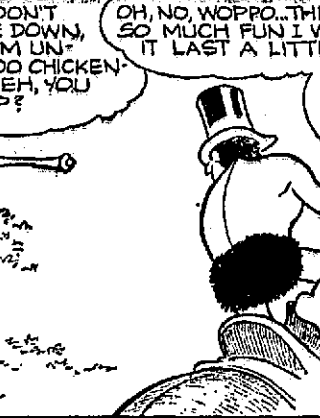


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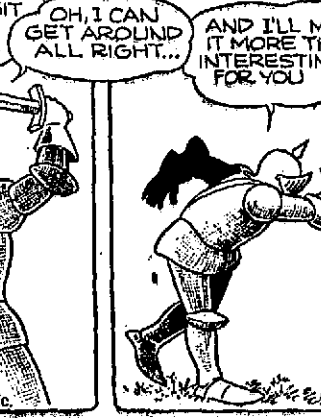
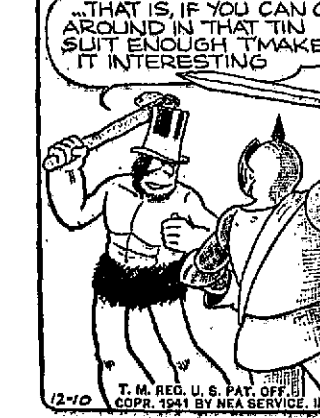


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It looks very bad for LEANDER

Farmerettes of America

75,000 Women
Warned Against
Brass Complex

By ADELAIDE KERR
AT Feature Service Writer
Dr. Minnie L. Maffett, who heads 75,000 clubwomen in the United States, warns American women against a brass button complex in defense work. "We don't need green shirts or any other colored shirts to work for defense," says Dr. Maffett, a Houston, Tex., gynecologist, who is president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women. "We don't need to worry about brass buttons and epaulettes. Think how much brass-button several million women anyway. We need to be giving thought to the job to be done—not how we look when we do it." "Most women will make their greatest contribution to defense in health, nutrition and education, by taking courses and using what they have learned in work for their families and their communities. We have sensed the importance of vitamins as a defense factor, but most people are more vitamin-conscious than vitamin-wise. I believe that a hundred million dollars a year could be saved by the fun of eating good food rather than the questionable pleasure of swallowing pills."

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt plans to recruit an army of farmerettes to till American farms next summer and to help bring in the enlarged crops asked by the Department of Agriculture. The women will help fill in gaps caused by the migration of farm hands to industrial areas for defense jobs. Mrs. Roosevelt has instructed her assistants in the Office of Civilian Defense to outline physical exercise

U. S. NAVY RECRUITING OFFICER PRESENTS APPLICANT WITH NEW "BADGE OF HONOR"



COMMANDER F. K. O'BRIEN, of the U. S. Navy Recruiting Service, is shown here placing the new Navy "Badge of Honor" on the lapel of an applicant for enlistment in the Navy. (Badge shown above at right.) All ambitious young men who apply for service in Uncle Sam's "Two-ocean" Navy, whether accepted or not, are given this new badge as a mark of their patriotism. To learn of the many opportunities the Navy and the Naval Reserve offer, local men of 17 years and over can get the official illustrated free booklet, "Life in the Navy," from this newspaper's Navy Editor.

and training for such a pitchfork and hoe army as the farmerettes enrolled in the World War. School teachers, college students and others unemployed in the summer may be called upon to take the exercises. The President's wife referred to the contemplated organization as the "Women's Land Army," but

said that it need not be limited to women.

Elsa Schiaparelli, Paris designer now in the United States, predicts the war will bring about a revolution in women's dress as did the last one. "Women are busy everywhere in defense work and cannot be hampered by their clothes," she says. "The World War brought the short skirt and bobbed hair. Go further back in history and you find the battle dress of Greeks and Roman Amazons—short tunics and sandals with one half of the bosom bare to free the arm to lift a bow and shoot an arrow. Our modern women, fighting for democracy and freedom, must have their battle dress—clothes that are more practical and less romantic, in which comfort and freedom will be the keynotes. It remains to be seen what fashions this war will give us."

Dr. Malcolm MacLean, president of the Hampton Institute of Virginia, says the education of women needs a drastic overhauling to prepare them for three tremendous pressures of the next 20 years: The prospect of unemployment; temptation to support discrimination against minorities, and effect of a prolonged war or a sudden peace which would demobilize millions.

These women are helping the British American Ambulance Corps. Ten thousand members of the United Order of True Sisters (a Jewish group) are cutting their cosmetic bills in half to contribute to a plastic surgery fund for disfigured faces.

Mrs. Donald Strulem has started a campaign to save meat furs from Park Avenue family cuts to make soap. Mrs. A. S. Topping has given a 152-year-old candle-stick said to have been used by the Scottish bard, Robert Burns, for a benefit sale. And Wanda and Bronislava Kofler sewed 3,000 rhinestones into a white evening jacket for the same sale.

Mrs. Clarence Dykstra, wife of the president of the University of Wisconsin, has bought a farm and enrolled in the university's short agricultural course. Daphne Bailey of Quantico, Va., is telling it to the marines each week as editor and co-owner of the Quantico Sentry, "the newspaper for the United States Marines."

OPM Hints New Supply Policy

May Abandon Dollar Economy to Avoid Shortages

By JACK STINNETT
WASHINGTON — By tearing a leaf from Adolf Hitler's book on how to get the raw materials for modern warfare, the United States has given the first hint that in this production struggle it may abandon dollar economy in order to avoid shortages.

A few weeks ago, the Washington State Toll Bridge Authority made application to the Army (which is in charge of rivers and harbors throughout the land) for permission to dump the 3,500 tons of steel cable from the Tacoma Narrows bridge into Puget Sound.

Back of this was the tragic story of the collapse of the Tacoma bridge in November, 1940. "Galloping Gertie," as the infant bridge was called because she wavered like a flag in a gale every time the wind whistled, played crack-the-whip once too often and the flooring ripped loose from its overhead moorings and crashed into the bay.

For approximately a year, the thick suspension cables dangled tons of supporting cables in the wind, while Washingtonians debated what was to be done about rebuilding the bridge. Originally, it was a Federal Works Agency project, but rebuilding it was another matter. It was only some weeks ago that final arrangements were made for private capital to construct a broader bridge that would withstand the wildest gales that rip across the Narrows.

Immediately, the problem of disposing of 7,500,000 pounds of "useless" cable presented itself. A survey was made and it was discovered that the cost of salvaging the cable (hundreds of strands of thick steel wire drawn tightly together and encased in a galvanized tube) would exceed considerably the cost of steel scrap in the open market. Hence, the decision to roll the cable off the saddles on the towers and drop it into the 40-foot depths of the Narrows.

The decision had been tentatively approved when Carlton S. Proctor, chairman of the committee on steel conservation and reclamation of the engineers' defense board, discovered it. For once the wheels of OPM ground swiftly. Within a few hours OPM had a telegram from the Washington bridge authority saying "An insurance settlement has been made on the bridge. The Washington Toll Bridge Authority will offer for sale all scrap metal which can be made available."

That was enough for OPM and 3,500 tons of steel scrap was rescued from briny oblivion. Just what it will cost hasn't been determined yet. It may be far above the "ceiling" placed on scrap steel prices, but OPM is not particularly interested in the price. It is more interested in the fact that once salvaged, the scrap can be converted into 100 light or medium tanks, into 200 four-ton trucks, or into 600 16-inch shells for the battle-ships of our navy.

As I said in the beginning, this is one of the first evidences that the United States is coming to grips with the real problem of shortages in raw materials. For months, a number of government workers have been saying that we would have to take a page from Hitler's book if we were going to meet the soaring demand for some raw materials. Until now, they have been mostly voices crying in the wilderness.

Most often cited by these persons in their arguments was Hitler's solution of the copper shortage in Germany at the outset of the war. Where he had asked his experts, the most copper in Germany? They had answered, in the rain gutters around our homes and buildings. Then go get it. Hitler ordered. The protest was that it would cost many times the value of scrap copper to salvage it, but Hitler's order stood and the result was that the Nazis had enough copper to start and carry on the war. In terms of those early victories, it came so cheaply that its cost could only be considered negligible.

Apparently, the United States is learning this lesson: When a shortage is almost certain, the cost of a product doesn't matter; the important thing is to get it. Six hundred 16-inch shells could be the margin of victory in World War II.

Negro Baptists to Close 1941 Program

The Garrett Chapel (negro) Baptist Church will close out its 1941 program this week with the Rev. W. H. Dudley of Warren conducting services through Friday night. The pastor is the Rev. F. R. Williams. The public is invited.

A certain gentleman always avoided the smoking car when he commuted—couldn't stand smoke himself and didn't like other people to smoke. He found a seat in a non-smoking car one day, but to his dismay a man came in and sat facing him and lighted up a cigar. Not wanting to make a scene, the other man waited till the conductor came around to punch his ticket. As he handed it to the conductor, he nudged him and nodded to the brazen smoker. The conductor nodded back, took another punch out of the ticket and went on.

You may be a fine upstanding person but it makes no difference to a banana skin.

War does not determine who is RIGHT—only who is LEFT.

The man who once most wisely said, "Be sure you're right, then go ahead," might well have added this, to-wit: "Be sure you're wrong before you quit."

Jackson, 21, who has been working as a draftsman in the California Shipbuilding Co., says this season's skirts are too short for crawling over the tops of big draughting boards.

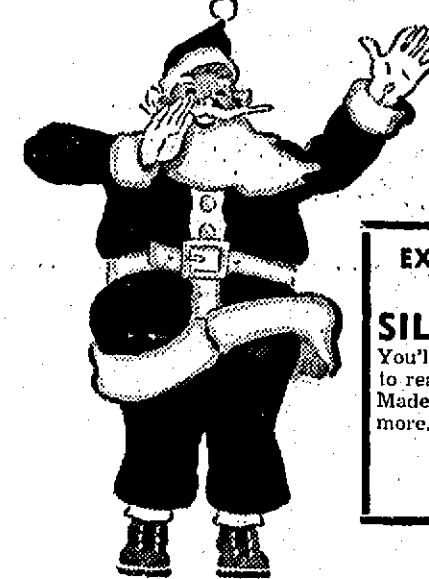
We were sitting in a dentist's office the other day when some guy looked up from the paper he had found on the table and said brightly: "Well, I see there's been some fierce fighting around that Argonne forest." The Hawaiian government has been stowing away on ships a jail offense.

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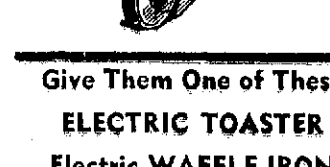
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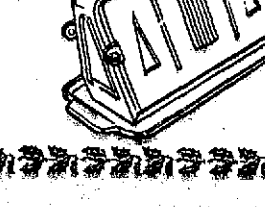


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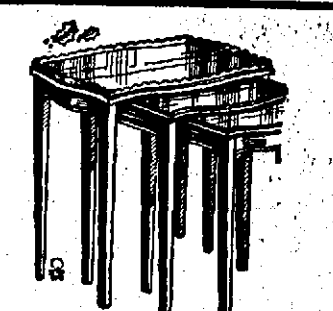


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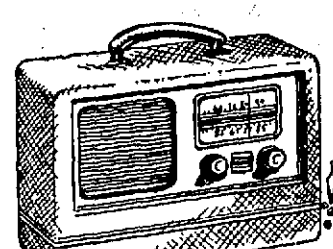
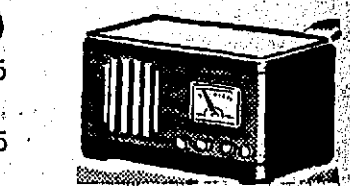
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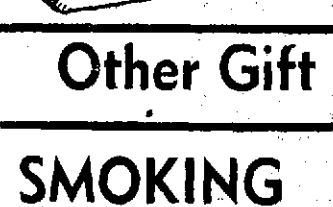
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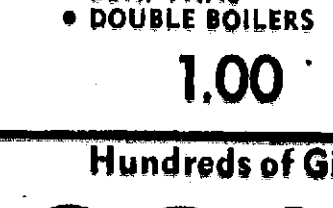


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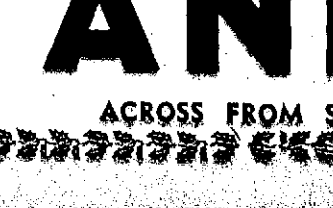
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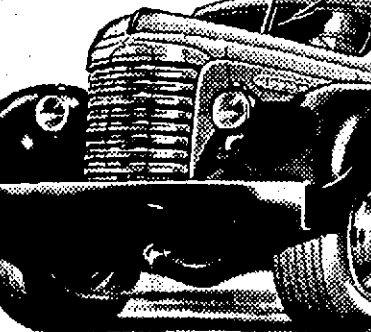


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PERFECT HOST TO A HOST OF FRIENDS

Firms Help in Deal Campaign

Industrial Plants Are Cooperating in Hempstead

Interest in the progress of the Christmas Seal drive is being shown by industrial and commercial firms of Hempstead County this year. Indicated by numerous letters received at campaign headquarters, Albert Feild, Jr., general chairman, said today.

Many such firms are represented on the Businessmen's Committee aiding the campaign.

Tuberculosis is still a tremendous problem to employers, one representative businessman wrote. "Industrial activities realize perhaps more forcibly than any other group just what problems have to be faced by those with tuberculosis.

Cure is usually prolonged and cost-

IRON WORKERS LOCAL UNION 591

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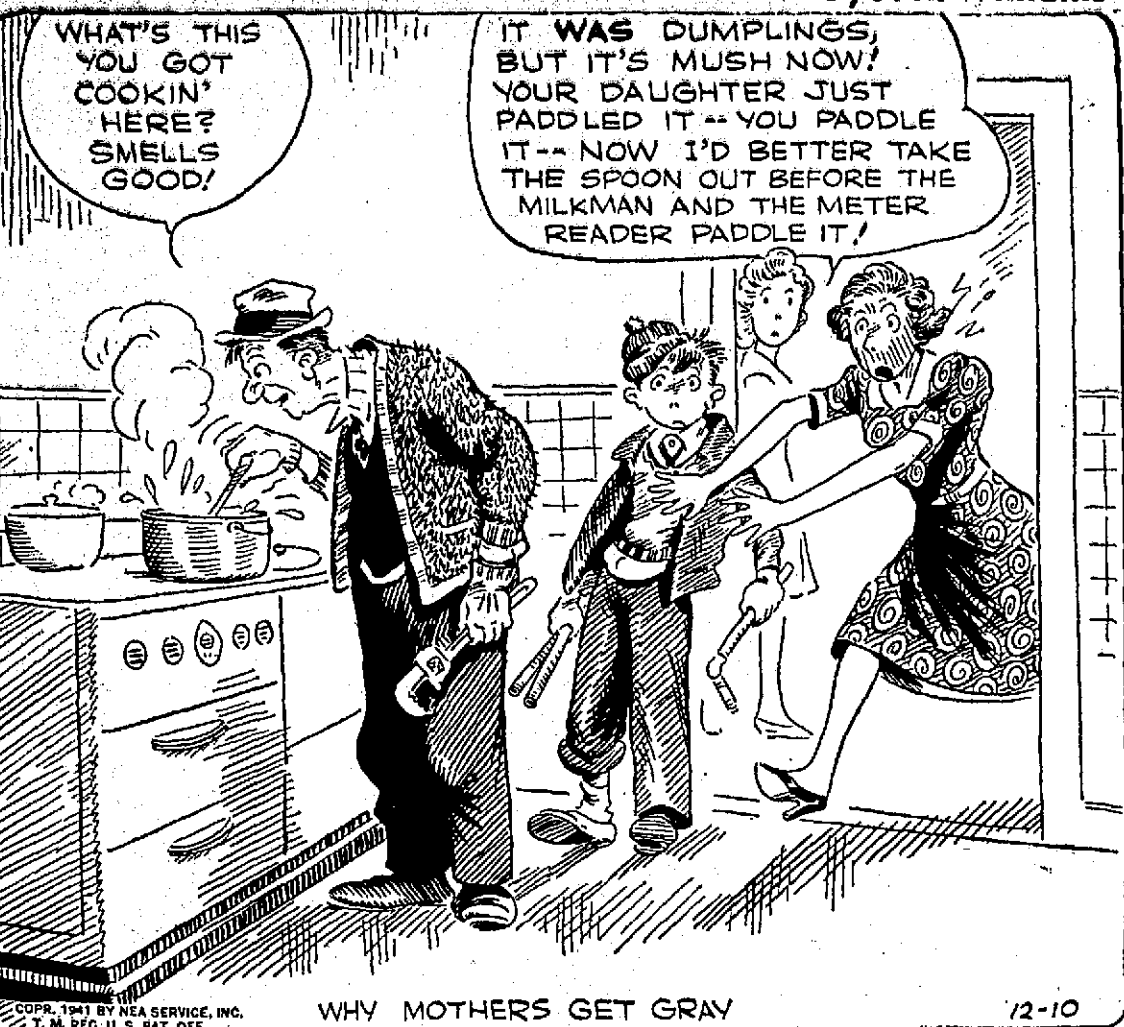
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"Consequently we mail our contribution with full appreciation of the good work already done and the hope that the drive against tuberculosis may be intensified among industrial groups."

Before the World War, there were more Germans living in France than in all the German colonies.

County Teachers Postpone Picnic

The Hempstead county teachers picnic, planned to be at the Experiment Station Thursday night December 11, has been postponed because of the Hope fire works, and other conflicting activities.

The School Masters Club, sponsors of the picnic, will have their next meeting Thursday night, January 8, 1942 at Patmos.

Where it passes Cape Hatteras, N. C., the Gulf Stream is 150 miles wide.

Cotton Market Quota Vote

Eligible Farmers to Go to Polls on Saturday

Cotton farmers of Hempstead county will join other cotton producers of the state and nation in a referendum Saturday, December 13, to decide whether marketing quotas for next year's cotton crop will be in effect, according to H. Earl King, chairman of the county Triple-A committee, in announcing final arrangements for the voting.

Every person in the county who shared in this year's cotton crop is eligible to vote Saturday, Mr. King said. Since marketing quotas do not apply to cotton one and one-half inches or more in staple length, farmers who produce only that type of cotton will not be eligible to vote, he said.

The question of marketing quotas must be decided by the producers themselves, Mr. King declared, and they cannot become effective unless approved by at least two-thirds of the producers voting in the referendum. Since cotton farmers are vitally affected by quotas and they are the ones who must decide on them, every cotton farmer in the county has an obligation to express his opinion in this democratic manner, the chairman said. Another thing, he said in conclusion, it gives every farmer a voice in the farm program and by voting he will show congress he has an interest in the program.

The voting will be by secret ballot. Polling places will open at 8:30 a. m. and will close at 5 p. m.

Three farmers will be in charge of each voting place. The voting places in Hempstead county will be as follows:

DeAnn, Beards Chappel, Shover Springs, Cross Roads, Bingen, Springhill, Tokio, Columbus, Patmos, McNab, Sardis, McCaskill, Guernsey, Washington, Saratoga, Blevins, Ozan, Fulton, Sweet Home.

Hope—There will be a ballot box at the Courthouse and one at Monts Seed Store.

Presbyterians to Hold Bible Study

A Bible study, which is under the direction of the Women's Auxiliaries of the First Presbyterian church, will be given at the church Wednesday night at 7:30 with Mrs. R. E. Jackson leading the program.

All church members are invited to be present.

Defense Council to Meet Thursday Night

A meeting of the Executive board of the Hempstead County Civilian Defense Council has been called for Thursday night by chairman, Talbot Feild, Jr.

This important meeting will be called to order immediately after the display of fireworks at the city hall and will be held in the municipal court room.

Mr. Feild stated that it is imperative that all members attend the meeting as matters of vast importance will be discussed.

Our Daily Bread

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Bill of Rights.

There was nothing new about them. Practically speaking, they were part of the original Constitution, since adoption was secured on the understanding that they would be included. They simply froze into basic law certain things often asserted before and generally agreed on as fundamental—the right of freedom of worship, of expression, of peaceable assembly and petition for redress of grievances, security against persecutory searches and seizures, of fair trial, of security against loss of private property without fair compensation. All simple things; all things we take too much for granted.

President Roosevelt has done well too call attention to this anniversary, asking that citizens observe Bill of Rights Day on Dec. 15. Whole peoples have not only had these elementary rights snatched from them, but, more terrible still, some have even been persuaded that such rights do not exist at all.

The fundamental rights of man can never be permanently taken from him by force. More insidious, more dangerous by far, is the effort to lure man into forgetfulness of his essential dignity and integrity. It is against this danger, as well as the concrete danger from without, that the President has summoned the American people.

It is good to take part in the observances of Bill of Rights Day. It is better still to read that list of rights itself, carefully and thoughtfully, and then to ask oneself, "What would life be worth without them?"

America Is in

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war with promises she would become the master of the Pacific, and be given "a strangle-hold on the West coast of North, Central and South America."

"Remember always," he warned, "that Germany and Italy, regardless of any formal declaration of war, consider themselves at war with the United States at this moment just as much as they consider themselves at war with Britain and Russia."

Repeatedly, the president asked the people not to accept wild rumors of successes or failures. To do that, he said, was to be deceived by the propaganda of the enemy. The government would give them all the facts that it could confirm provided that their revelation would not be of assistance to the enemy, he pledged.

Denies Jap Naval Mystery

The Japanese claim to naval mastery of the Pacific was roundly denounced as a familiar Axis stratagem.

"This is an old trick of propaganda, which has been used innumerable times by the Nazis," he said. "The purposes of such fantastic claims are, of course, to spread fear and confusion among us, and to lead us into revealing military information which our enemies are desperately anxious to obtain."

What to Play at Christmas

Many Games Besides Old Routine of Postoffice

By MARGARET KERNODLE

AP Feature Service Writer

NEW YORK—Under the unrepentant law of averages, you will either give or get a game for Christmas. Santa Claus this year will carry \$20,000,000 worth of games.

But Santa Claus won't hand out so many metal and plastic game sets because Uncle Sam, that other man with whiskers, got there first with priorities. Shortage of chip boards and pressed or manufactured boards have inspired more compact designs. Wooden playing pieces have replaced metal ones and many plastic types.

Playing-at-war games still are outnumbered three-to-one by parlor escape-type games. Compact, lightweight games find favor as gifts for service men.

Of the war inspiration games on the best-selling list, target games lead all the rest. Airplanes, submarines, battleships and parachute troops help test the skill of parlor marksmen with

rubber dart equipment and guns that shoot rubber bands. Dog fighting is a dandy in the airplane strategy board pastimes. Marble games use air and naval strategy.

Real American games are boons to hostesses. One bonanza is a fast-moving game that seems to combine Michigan, rummy and poker. It originated from chance-taking technique perfected by Mississippi steamboat players 100 years ago. Two to nine persons can play.

Also among escape pastimes is a looking-for-gold chart game that includes locations of 193 of the world's most important hidden gold hoards. Idea is to corner the largest.

Apartment-house storage problems inspired new designs in miniature bowling and skeet sets that fold neatly away in limited spaces. Badminton and croquet sets for small rooms are ready, too.

Hobbies parents and children can share show a big speed-up. Model building sets include most new U. S. Navy and Army equipment. Wood burning, glass painting and metal tapping are fixed up for family entertainment.

A game hit must be easy to learn, require little more than an hour to play and sustain interest of all players to the end, according to experts who test the toasters. Guinea pig legions of gamblers frequently spend hundreds of hours playing each possible game hit until snags are smoothed away. And when a game is popular it sells in much greater volume than a best-selling book.

Popularity of a game usually lasts several years. New games constantly come along and the number of in-

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CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP)—Bears roaming through West Virginia woodlands have little regard for signs relating to fire prevention, fishing and hunting.

Conservation commission officials report that in the Little River section at least 60 posters had been chewed or clawed by the bears.

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ventors continues like the number of authors. The best thinking-uppers are people in small towns or on farms.

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